

City of Fontanelle
December 10, 2024

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at the Community Center, with Mayor Walker calling the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Council members present were Brown, Connors, Goetz and Young. Edwards was absent. All motions are carried out unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employee Dodson was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walker.

No public comments were heard.

Connors motioned to approve the consent agenda items (agenda, November 17, 2024, minutes, financial statements and bills for payment), seconded by Young.

Mayor Walker asked if assigned ordinance chapters had been reviewed. Brown reported that Chapter 60 did not need changes. Young reported that Chapter 50 will need reviewed.

Clerk's report: by Dodson. The office will be closed December 24 & 25 for Christmas holiday and December 31, 2024 & January 1, 2025, for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. December 20, 2024, the office will be closed for clerk's vacation. Windstream has installed fiber internet service at City Hall and will finish installation at the Fire Station next week. The city maintenance shop has also been updated. The city website has an announcement tab which will be utilized more. The cloud storage is currently down. State and Local Financial Recovery Funds deadline is 12/31/24. Employee health insurance is renewing with a 4.3% increase. The City of Bridgewater has been asked to consider a contract for city waste only. No communication has been had from attorney Hockenberry re: park rules and signage. No communication has been received from Greenfield Municipal Utilities for a service contract. Connors motioned to appoint Hunter Ernst to the Iowa Rural Water Assoc Board of Directors, seconded by Brown.

A quarterly police report was given to the council.

Utility report: new service installed at 2075 Hwy 92. The lead line inspection has been submitted to the DNR. A water tower inspection will be scheduled. AccuJet would like to sign a new contract for 6 years for \$71,804.07. A decision needs to be made on the lift station. Skid loader tires will be \$225.00 a piece to be replaced before using for snow removal. The city has been asked if they would like to sell the sidewalk concrete forms. Connors motioned to not sell the sidewalk forms, seconded by Goetz.

Brown motioned to table the park rules and signage until a response is received from our attorney then put the subject back on the agenda, seconded by Goetz.

Iowa Code chapter 21 regarding electronic meeting options for council members will be fulfilled via zoom or facetime when requested.

Connors reported a sidewalk grant is available with a specific plan in place. He will speak to Southern Iowa Councils of Governments to get more details to start the process.

Connors motioned to table the Greenfield Municipal Utilities contract until a response has been received from them then have the item put back on the agenda, seconded by Young.

Connors motioned to order 2 timeclocks and supplies, seconded by Brown.

Brown motioned to release the grant for the 3rd Street bridge and have the city's name put back in the pool for possible later support, seconded by Connors. Roll call, all Ayes. Edwards absent.

No representative was present for the Midwest Partnership Economic Development support.

Goetz motioned to approve **Resolution 2024.21** to appoint Lillian Nichols and Julie Williams to the Fontanelle Public Library board for another term, seconded by Young. All Aye.

Connors motioned to approve the changes to the Peace Keeping job function of the handbook and have it sent to the attorney for approval, seconded by Brown. All Aye.

Young motioned to approve an additional job title of Code Enforcement officer/Inspector to the handbook and have it sent to the attorney for approval, seconded by Connors. All, aye.

Connors motioned to raise electric rates by one cent affective January 1, 2025, and ¾ of one cent on January 1, 2026, seconded by Brown. All, aye. The ordinance change will be sent to the attorney for changes.

No consent agenda items needed discussion.

Next agenda items: Lift station and the library report.

Next regular City council meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025 @ 6 p.m.

No closing comments were heard.

Motion by Goetz to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., Connors seconded.

Bills paid to approve since Nov 17, 2024, meeting

BILLS PAID		
CMS	processing fee	\$323.69
Cyber Solutions	processing fee	\$75.00
Farmers Electric	utilities	\$177.57
FNB	processing fee	\$26.74
FNB	check stock	\$128.40
IPAIT	utilities	\$8,451.33
IA Dept Rev	sales tax- NOV 2024	\$890.83
IA Dept Rev	WET tax-NOV 2024	\$1,012.07
IPERS	IPERS-Nov 2024	\$5,003.24
IRS	payroll 11/15/24 FICA	\$2,455.50
IRS	payroll 11/29/24 FICA	\$2,408.86
IA Finance Authority	sewer loan interest	\$21,910.00
IA Finance Authority	water loan interest	\$3,250.00
IA Finance Authority	water loan interest	\$542.20
United Healthcare	healthcare	\$7,061.42
Verizon	utility	\$504.13
TO BE APPROVED		
21st Century	supplies	\$160.62
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$358.25
Applied Ind Tech	repairs	\$2,269.75
Border States	supplies	\$10,403.37
Bridgewater tire	repairs	\$517.90
	monthly sewer	
Atlantic, City of	contract	\$1,100.00
Casey's	gas	\$63.85
Corning Rental	equipment rental	\$2,805.00
Creston Publishing	printing	\$305.60
Dearborn	insurance	\$213.00
Dept of Energy	power purchase	\$12,320.73
Dickerson, Jim	rebate	\$100.00

Ditch Witch	repairs	\$549.94
Echo Group	electrical supplies	\$131.50
Farmers Lumber	supplies	\$347.86
Forward Fontanelle	electricity purchase	\$2,961.36
Grantham Sanitation	Utilities	\$132.00
Grantham Sanitation	supplies	\$210.00
GMU	Utilities	\$4,627.74
Iowa One Call	services	\$36.90
Lindberg, Nicole	Utility deposit return	\$300.00
Matheson Tri-gas	supplies	\$163.75
Metering & Tech		
Solution	supplies	\$2,033.34
Midwest Wheel	repairs	\$560.45
Miller, Kenzie	Utility deposit return	\$300.00
Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$2,538.68
Municipal Utilities	transfers	\$13,579.17
Neonlink	processing fees	\$82.40
Real Estate Store	Utility deposit return	\$280.37
S&T Property Solutions	roll off service	\$500.00
Sam McIntire	safety clothing	\$63.02
Schildberg Construction	rock	\$193.79
State Hygienic lab	services	\$362.00
Visa	SUPPLIES	\$417.67
Windstream	telecommunication	\$537.50
Totals		\$115,748.49

Revenues NOV 2024		Expenditures NOV 2024	
General Fund	\$14,869.13	General Fund	\$15,006.95
Road Use Tax	\$8,564.30	Road Use Tax	5912.39
Employee Benefit	\$1,787.46	Employee Benefit	\$808.84
Urban Renewal	\$0.00	Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$10,487.09	Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Meter Deposits	\$0.00	Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$17,352.58	Water Fund	\$25,809.20
Water Sinking	\$2,711.67	Water Sinking	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$19,285.47	Sewer Fund	\$21,464.03
Sewer Sinking	\$10,867.50	Sewer Sinking	\$0.00
Electric Fund	\$53,440.25	Electric Fund	\$44,340.03
Library Fund	\$1,574.01	Library Fund	\$8,861.16
Landfill Fund	\$1,108.82	Landfill Fund	\$2,535.00
Totals	\$142,048.28	Totals	\$124,737.60

Attest: City Clerk, Mary Dodson